

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A gel composition for protein and calcium supplementation comprising the following components and having a pH in the range of 3 to 4:

Protein or its hydrolysate that does not coagulate at

pH 3 to pH 4

5.5- 8 wt.%

Calcium

0.1 - 0.5 wt.%

Acidulant

0.5 - 3 wt.%

Carbohydrate

4 - 20 wt.%

Fat

0 - 5 wt.%

Emulsifying agent

0 - 0.5 wt.%

Agar

0.1 - 1 wt.%

Guar gum or gellan gum

about 0.05 – about 0.3 wt.%

A masking component including(a) fruit juice and

(b) hard-to-digest dextrin or ~~reduced-hydrogenated~~ hard-to-digest dextrin

0.1-20 wt.%, and

Water

65 - 90 wt.%,

wherein the protein or its hydrolysate that does not coagulate at pH3 to pH4 is whey protein concentrates or whey protein isolates, and protein hydrolysates having a number average molecular weight of 500 to 10,000.

2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented): The gel composition according to claim 1, further comprising vitamin D in an amount of 0.1×10^{-6} to 10×10^{-6} wt.%.

4. (canceled).

5. (previously presented): The gel composition according to claim 1, comprising gellan gum.

6. (canceled).

7. (currently amended): The gel composition according to claim 1, wherein the masking component is the masking component including (a) fruit juice and (b) ~~reduced~~ hydrogenated hard-to-digest dextrin.